

LITERARY NOTICES.

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the best writers as contributors, and each number of his Magazine exhibits careful finish and appreciative talent. The number before us closes the first volume, and contains 14 articles. Old Ironsides, by the late James Fenimore Cooper opens the number; A Meditation, by Paul Potiphar, Esq., is rich, and Gen. Ogle—Character is a decided hit. We are also pleased

to see that Putman is well sustained by the public, as he deserves to be. He has commenced in the right spirit, and the literary banquet he spreads receives a national welcome.

This volume of 214 pages, published by two old printers of this city, is neatly printed on good paper. It gives in a collected form all the Eulogies delivered on the eminent statesmen named:

THE SLAVE TRADE.—The Havana correspondent of the *Tribune*, under date of June 7, states that 3,000 negroes from Africa were landed in Cuba within the previous ten days. The *Lady Suffolk*, with 1,300 on board, lost 300 on the voyage. All the efforts of the British cruisers to stop this piratical traffic seem to be fruitless.

be futile. Besides the negroes and Chinese who are treated as slaves, there was another importation from Yucatan, of Indians. These last were sold at a low figure. The annexation of Cuba to the United States would probably

stop this foreign slave trade, which is declared to be piracy by our laws. Why the *foreign* slave trade should be done, is a question that

State slave trade defended, has always seemed to us anomalous. Both the foreign and the

A NEW METHOD OF GIVING PARTIES IN SUMMER.—A former resident of Washington

"My wife has just got through with a large party, of near two hundred guests. We had plenty of strawberries; and, to help the temperance cause, I hired a soda fountain from one of our confectioners, and so offered a pleasant substitute for champagne, &c. Now, is not this a good plan, and ought it not to be

'Mrs. ———, at home, Tuesday evening, from 8 till 11 o'clock.'

'And this is another novelty of the season which we originated, and which took well, and

We deem this plan of giving parties so clever that we commend it to the consideration of our readers.

A correspondent of the *New York Times*, in an interesting article on the Dismal Swamp and the slaves secreted in it, writes as follows:

"No particular breed of dogs are used for hunting negroes; blood-hounds, fox-hounds, bull-dogs, and curs, were used, and one white man told me how they were trained for it, as if it was a common or notorious practice. They are shut up when puppies, and never allowed to see a negro, except while training to catch him. A negro is made to run first

them, and they are encouraged to follow him until he gets into a tree, when they are given meat. Afterwards they learn to follow any particular negro by scent, and then a shoe or a piece of clothing is taken off a negro, and they learn to find out by scent who it belongs to, and to trace him, &c. I do not think they are employed in the ordinary driving in the swamp, but only to overtake some of the

REVOULT.—On the 14th instant the telegraph reported apprehensions of the rising of the slaves in New Orleans. A free negro gave information, which led to the arrest of the ring-

leader, who confessed that a plan had been organized, by which 2,500 slaves were to attack the city at several points. The affair was doubtless exaggerated, as we hear nothing further respecting it. *

INFIDELITY.—The *Fairfield* (S. C.) *Herald*, a Southern Rights paper, thus commences a

article headed Abolitionism:

"We were visited by a very eloquent divine of the Calvinistic school, a few days ago, who, in some remarks on the position of the different factions and parties, advanced the idea, that the party called Abolitionists is nothing more nor less than infidelity in disguise, and that they would soon be compelled to throw

The editor at first thought the idea rather far-fetched; but on reflection, has "partially given in to the opinion of the eloquent doctor." If none but those who hold slaves or sustain Slavery, are Christians. Heaven help the

WASHINGTON MATTERS.—Daniel T. Woodward, convicted in the Criminal Court of this city on the 9th instant, for the murder of his wife, by shooting her, on the 24th December last, has been sentenced to be hung on the 2d day of September next. Woodward made

Wm. B. Sasscor, charged with the poisoning of Emeline Johnson, by administering strychnine to her, was tried before the Criminal Court last week. The jury on Friday last rendered

"PROGRESSIVE FRIENDS."—This new sect, recently organized in Chester county, Pa., have published an exposition adopted at their yearly meeting, from which it appears they are composed mostly of those members of one branch of the Society of Friends, who have

men earnestly engaged in the reformatory movements of the day against slavery, intemperance, &c., and who conceive that they were harshly dealt with on that account. They hold that churches are merely human organizations, possessing only such powers as are conferred upon them by their individual members. They deem it a great mistake in Christian churches to demand of their members a uni-

firmity of belief, and they denounce the pharisaical spirit which frowns upon amusements, and which would cover society with a sanctionious gloom. Their meetings are conducted very much like those of the Society of Friends, except that they are not ruled by elders, and have no ministers, overseers, &c. As a yearly meeting, this body disclaims all disciplinary authority over individuals of local societies.

Individuals may at any time withdraw from the Society without being required to give reasons therefor or being censured for so doing.

THE NEW YORK CANAL ENLARGEMENT.—The following are the points upon which the two Houses of the New York Legislature have generally agreed as amendments to be proposed:

1. The canals shall be finished by borrowing \$9,000,000, without tax, on the strength of the revenue.
2. To borrow \$1,500,000 to pay the canal revenue certificates, making in all \$10,500,000.
3. To complete the canals in four years.
4. To make it imperative that the legislature shall provide the means.
5. The

Contracts are repudiated. 6. The work is to be let out to the lowest bidder.

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